

Environment & Energy Commission

City of Columbia & Boone County

Daniel Boone Building, Third Floor Conference Room

Minutes of Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Present: Frank Cunningham, Norm Lenhardt, John Miles, Ted Dyer, Teresa Hunter, Jean Sax, Alyce Turner, Bob Walters, Kip Kendrick, David Brodsky

Absent: Barbara Buffaloe

City Staff Liaison: Stephanie Brown

1. Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Agenda. The agenda was approved with changes.
3. Minutes. The minutes were approved with changes. There was addition to item #7. Mr. Dyer motioned to approve and Mr. Cunningham seconded.
4. Commission size. Mr. Dyer passed out a draft letter to send to Council regarding the number of seats for the Commission. He had one change to the letter. Mr. Walters commented that he liked the changes. Mr. Walters moved to approve the letter with changes and Ms. Sax made a second. The letter was approved by voice vote to keep the size the same.
5. CO2 Report Followup. Mr. Cunningham received the comments regarding the letter or response by the EEC to the City Council. Several changes were made to the letter. There was an addition to the last sentence in the first paragraph as well as several other changes. Cunningham suggested sending the same letter to Columbia Water and Light and the City Council. Mr. Miles motioned to make the changes to the letter and distribute it. Ms. Sax made a second and the motion was approved.
6. Recommendation to Increase Passive Solar Energy Use. Councilwoman Barbara Hoppe requested that the EEC suggest means of increasing passive solar energy use. A copy of her e-mail was distributed. Mr. Cunningham drafted a letter to the City Council that will be modified by the input. Ms. Buffaloe, who was not present, will be providing information on a possible workshop on passive solar energy. Mr. Kendrick said he is waiting to hear from other cities for examples. Mr. Cunningham believes the first step is through education. Mr. Dyer said the second step could be the consideration of an ordinance and Ms. Sax said stages should be clarified in the letter. Turner suggested including a compliment to the city on its current efforts of energy management at the end of the letter. Ms. Hunter moved to include the suggested changes and Sax made a second motion. The motion was passed with a majority vote with the exception of Mr. Walters who voted no because of the second paragraph.
7. Third High School Location. Mr. Walters e-mailed some website links on the possible locations to the commissioners. There is a task force meeting on October 9. A map of the possible locations was distributed. The school board is interested in having some solar panels installed on the new high school.
8. Follow up on the Daniel Boone Building Renovation and Addition. Mr. Dyer expressed his approval of the decision to go with the white membrane for the roof. Mr. Cunningham had some questions for the consulting engineer in regards

to how the decisions were made if no model simulation was ran. He also suggested contacting Tony St. Romaine for a clarification to some issues in relation to this subject.

9. Effective Use of Energy. Mr. Lenhardt said it is an issue that farm land is being used for development. He distributed several handouts relevant to this subject. Mr. Lenhardt and Ms. Hunter will bring back a modified copy. Mr. Cunningham said he has some reservations about the use of land value taxation. He said this may draw businesses to the outside of the county. Mr. Brodsky said there is a lot of merit in land value taxation such as it discourages abandoned and vacant land and buildings.
10. Letterhead. Mr. Walters developed a new design to use for the EEC letterhead. Mr. Cunningham moved to accept the design for consideration and Ms. Sax made a second motion. Ms. Brown said she would check the city policies by the Public Communications Office of the City regarding letterhead.
11. Mr. Cunningham asked the commissioners for suggestions for upcoming topics to focus on. Several ideas were given such as: land value taxation, zoning, report card on how the city's doing in regard to the Mayor's Climate Protection, annual report, visioning topics, recycling, energy conservation products, and the Power Supply Task Force Meeting.
12. Upcoming Meeting Items. Some of the items mentioned for future meetings were annual report, presentation from Terry Freeman, and Daniel Boone Building renovations.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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